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SUBJECT:LOPEZ PORTILLO'S DESIRE FOR INCREASED DUTY FREE
EXEMPTIONS

REF: MEXICO 12646

1. THE PROPOSED U.S. CUSTOMS LEGISLATION REFERRED TO BY
COMMISSIONER VERNON ACREE - H.R.9220 A BILL TO MODERNIZE
AND SIMPLIFY CUSTOMS PROCEDURES - WAS NOT ACTED UPON BY
CONGRESS THIS SESSION. THIS BILL, HOWEVER, DID NOT REPEAT
NOT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION FOR AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE
TO \$200 DOLLARS OF DUTY FREE EXEMPTIONS FOR RETURNING
TOURISTS. THE MATTER WAS MERELY RAISED INFORMALLY DURING
THE HEARINGS ON THE BILL WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE
BILL COULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE SUCH A PROVISION.

2. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE CUSTOMS
LEGISLATION WILL CONTAIN A PROVISION FOR INCREASED DUTY
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FREE EXEMPTIONS FOR RETURNING TOURISTS WHEN THIS

LEGISLATION IS REINTRODUCED DURING THE NEXT SESSION OF
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